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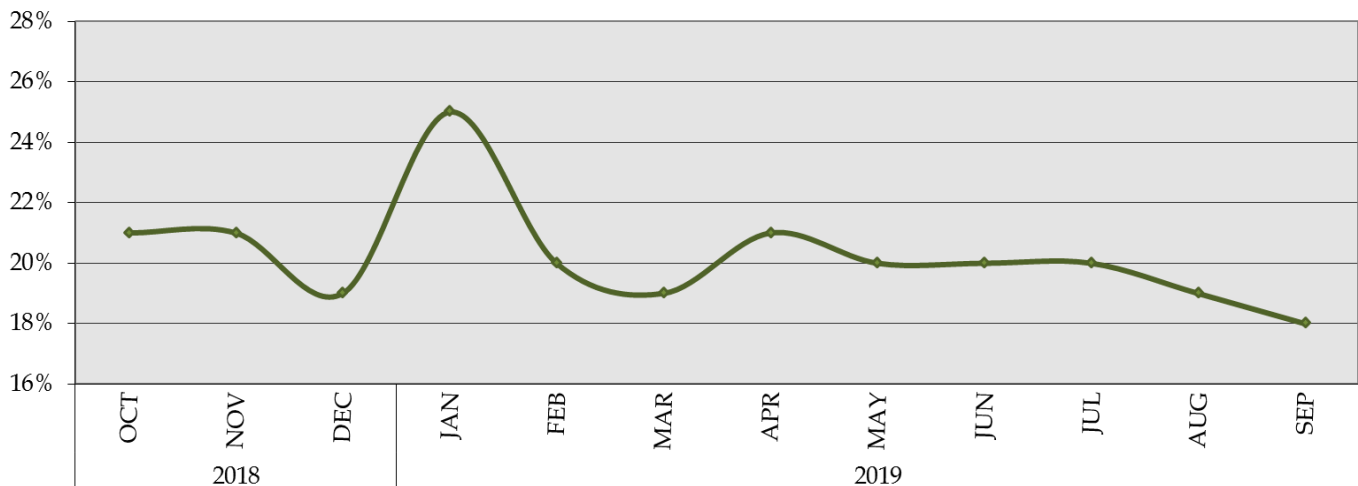
**STEEL IMPORTS DOWN 14% YEAR-TO-DATE THROUGH SEPTEMBER**  
*Finished Import Market Share YTD at 20%*

**Washington, D.C.** – Based on preliminary Census Bureau data, the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) reported today that the U.S. imported a total of 1,896,000 net tons (NT) of steel in September 2019, including 1,528,000 net tons (NT) of finished steel (down 6.2% and 14.8%, respectively, vs. August final data). Through the first nine months of 2019, total and finished steel imports are 22,587,000 and 16,860,000 net tons (NT), down 13.7% and 16.1%, respectively, vs. the same period in 2018. Annualized total and finished steel imports in 2019 would be 30.1 and 22.5 million NT, down 10.7% and 12.5%, respectively, vs. 2018. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 18% in September and is estimated at 20% over the first nine months of 2019.

Steel Mill Product	Sep. 2019 Prelim.	Aug. 2019 Final	% var Sep. vs. Aug.	YTD 2019 (9 mo.)	YTD 2018 (9 mo.)	% var '19 vs. '18	2019 Ann.	2018 12 mo.	% var 2019 vs 2018
Ingots and Billets and Slabs	367,177	227,075	61.7%	5,713,901	6,055,975	-5.6%	7,618,534	8,007,909	-4.9%
Oil Country Goods	149,832	187,832	-20.2%	1,987,879	2,318,033	-14.2%	2,650,506	2,801,554	-5.4%
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	196,123	204,459	-4.1%	1,896,161	2,349,823	-19.3%	2,528,215	3,037,149	-16.8%
Line Pipe	108,310	145,674	-25.6%	1,590,351	1,614,593	-1.5%	2,120,469	2,195,926	-3.4%
Sheets Hot Rolled	166,812	173,764	-4.0%	1,426,948	1,967,409	-27.5%	1,902,598	2,601,208	-26.9%
Sheets Cold Rolled	137,002	139,667	-1.9%	1,319,034	1,741,621	-24.3%	1,758,712	2,242,872	-21.6%
Bars - Reinforcing	77,300	88,249	-12.4%	934,644	1,026,151	-8.9%	1,246,192	1,168,101	6.7%
Plates in Coils	80,308	80,982	-0.8%	898,978	1,194,851	-24.8%	1,198,638	1,566,183	-23.5%
Wire Rods	55,682	74,189	-24.9%	780,238	859,699	-9.2%	1,040,317	1,153,493	-9.8%
Bars - Hot Rolled	64,212	74,294	-13.6%	692,959	935,413	-25.9%	923,946	1,225,618	-24.6%
Tin Plate	55,359	75,142	-26.3%	614,833	599,982	2.5%	819,778	769,213	6.6%
Sheets & Strip All Other Metallic	60,094	62,748	-4.2%	572,234	723,792	-20.9%	762,979	933,323	-18.3%
Wire Drawn	49,918	56,779	-12.1%	544,325	596,787	-8.8%	725,766	767,330	-5.4%
Standard Pipe	52,515	62,278	-15.7%	539,729	712,442	-24.2%	719,639	884,528	-18.6%
Plates Cut Lengths	37,145	38,636	-3.9%	471,636	503,309	-6.3%	628,848	659,767	-4.7%
Structural Shapes Heavy	41,406	55,538	-25.4%	459,391	486,535	-5.6%	612,522	569,337	7.6%
Mechanical Tubing	44,345	46,025	-3.7%	437,811	509,297	-14.0%	583,748	656,438	-11.1%
All Other	152,653	228,888	-33.3%	1,705,987	1,975,588	-13.6%	2,274,648	2,491,311	-8.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,896,193</b>	<b>2,022,219</b>	<b>-6.2%</b>	<b>22,587,039</b>	<b>26,171,298</b>	<b>-13.7%</b>	<b>30,116,055</b>	<b>33,731,257</b>	<b>-10.7%</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>1,527,892</b>	<b>1,794,249</b>	<b>-14.8%</b>	<b>16,860,323</b>	<b>20,091,108</b>	<b>-16.1%</b>	<b>22,480,431</b>	<b>25,694,317</b>	<b>-12.5%</b>

In September the largest volumes of finished steel imports from offshore were from South Korea (157,000 NT, down 40% from August final), Japan (71,000 NT, down 47%), Germany (64,000 NT, down 15%), Taiwan (61,000 NT, no change) and Vietnam (51,000 NT, up 9%). For the first nine months of 2019, the largest offshore suppliers were South Korea (2,050,000 NT, down 11% vs. the same period in 2018), Japan (1,016,000 NT, down 5%), Germany (831,000 NT, down 16%), Taiwan (729,000 NT, down 14%) and Vietnam (594,000 NT, down 23%). Below are charts on estimated steel import market share in recent months and on finished steel imports from offshore by country.

Estimated Finished Steel Import Market Share for the Past 12 Months



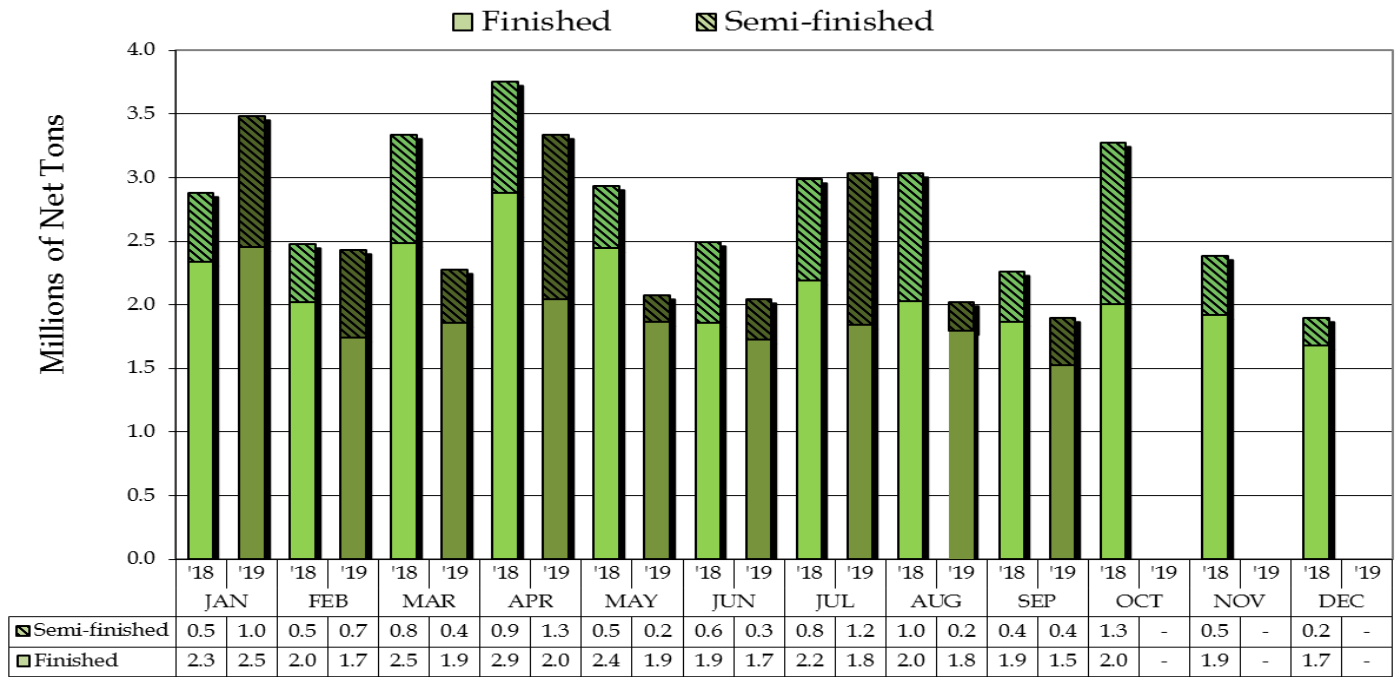
**U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS  
BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN  
(thousands of net tons)**

COUNTRY	Sep. 2019 Prelim.	Aug. 2019 Final	% var Sep. vs. Aug.	YTD 2019 (9 mo.)	YTD 2018 (9 mo.)	% var '19 vs. '18	2019 Ann.	2018 12 mo.	% var 2019 vs. '18
South Korea	157	263	-40.2%	2,050	2,295	-10.7%	2,733	2,764	-1.1%
Japan	71	134	-46.7%	1,016	1,064	-4.5%	1,354	1,383	-2.1%
Germany	64	75	-14.7%	831	987	-15.8%	1,108	1,339	-17.3%
Taiwan	61	61	0.4%	729	845	-13.7%	972	1,069	-9.0%
Vietnam	51	47	9.1%	594	774	-23.2%	793	1,110	-28.6%
China	29	51	-44.1%	470	524	-10.3%	627	696	-10.0%
Brazil	38	17	126.8%	451	445	1.4%	602	479	25.6%
Italy	24	29	-18.6%	410	453	-9.4%	547	605	-9.6%
All Other	1,032	1,117	-7.6%	10,309	12,704	-18.9%	13,745	16,249	-15.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,528</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>-14.8%</b>	<b>16,860</b>	<b>20,091</b>	<b>-16.1%</b>	<b>22,480</b>	<b>25,694</b>	<b>-12.5%</b>

<b>U.S. IMPORTS OF FINISHED STEEL MILL PRODUCTS</b>			
<b>3 MONTHS ROLLING AVERAGE</b>			
<b>(thousands of net tons)</b>			
<b>Steel Mill Product</b>	<b>Preliminary 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Sep. '19 - Jul. '19</b>	<b>Final 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. Jun. '19 - Apr. '19</b>	<b>Current 3 Months vs. 3 Months Prior % Change</b>
Sheets & Strip Galv. Hot Dipped	204	211	-3.2%
Oil Country Goods	181	225	-19.8%
Sheets Hot Rolled	166	145	14.4%
Line Pipe	138	144	-3.9%
Sheets Cold Rolled	136	151	-10.3%
Plates in Coils	90	101	-11.1%
Bars - Reinforcing	86	113	-24.0%
Bars - Hot Rolled	73	81	-9.8%
Wire Rods	72	98	-26.1%
Tin Plate	68	72	-5.8%
All Other	508	537	-5.4%
<b>TOTAL Finished Imports</b>	<b>1,722</b>	<b>1,879</b>	<b>-8.3%</b>

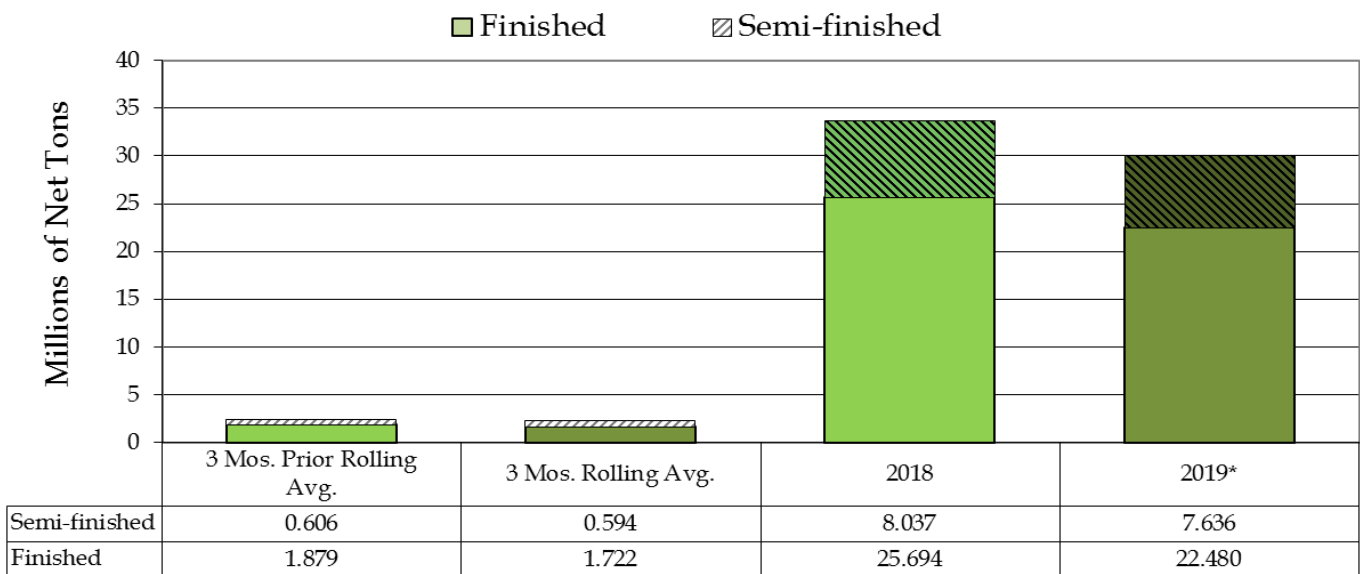
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South Korea	200	243	-17.6%
Japan	97	131	-25.7%
Germany	71	102	-30.2%
Taiwan	69	79	-13.4%
Vietnam	56	66	-16.2%
Netherlands	52	44	17.7%
Brazil	45	51	-11.5%
China	41	55	-25.8%
Spain	37	39	-6.9%
Italy	32	47	-32.4%
All Other	1,023	1,020	0.3%
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### Monthly Imports 2019 vs. 2018



% change finished imports September 2019 vs. September 2018 -18.1%

### 3 Month Rolling Averages and 2019 vs. 2018



% change finished imports 3 Mos. Rolling Avg. vs. 3 Mos. Prior = -8.3%

% change semi-finished imports 2019 vs. 2018 = -5.0%

% change finished imports 2019 vs. 2018 = -12.5%

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